



**Man shall not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

MATTHEW 4:4



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- to serve God and each other, and
- to spread the Gospel to all

*We strive to carry out the teachings of Christ in our daily lives and through our parish activities.*

## BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 12:00 noon (except during Lent). Parents must contact the parish office in advance; first-time parents are required to attend a baptism formation session.

## SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Sponsors (Godparents) for Baptism and Confirmation are required to verify their eligibility. They must be fully initiated Catholics who actively practice their faith and are in good standing with the Church. For more information please contact the Parish office.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

If you are considering becoming Catholic, or desire to complete your sacraments, please contact the parish office for more information about the RCIA.

## PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office to arrange for a pastoral visit, Anointing of the Sick, and/or Holy Communion for those who are ill or elderly and unable to come to church.

## MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made one year in advance of the wedding. Please contact the parish office before booking a reception venue. Once a wedding date is confirmed, a priest or deacon will assist with the required marriage preparation process.

## PARISH OFFICE

Hours----- Monday - Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
 Phone / Fax ----- 908-526-2394 / 908-526-5837  
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**Mr. Michael Forrestall**-----Deacon

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## MASSES

Saturday----- 5:00 pm  
 Sunday-----8:30 & 10:30 am  
 Holy Days ----- as announced

## DAILY MASSES

**Holy Trinity:** Tuesday & Friday ----- 7:00 pm  
**St. Ann:** Monday & First Fridays ----- 7:00 pm  
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday -----7:00 am  
 Saturday-----9:00 am  
**St. Joseph:** Monday & Friday -----8:00 am  
**Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament**  
 Monday - Friday----- 12:15 pm

## CONFESSIONS

Wednesday----- 11:00 am - 12 noon  
*or by appointment*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

*From September to May*

Hours----- Mondays, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

E-mail ----- REoffice@holytrinitynj.org

*First*  
SUNDAY OF

**LENT**

**February 26, 2023**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

*Mass*  
**Intentions**

**SATURDAY, February 25, Vigil: First Sunday of Lent**

**5:00pm** Jonathan Schmidt (12<sup>th</sup> Anniv) r/o Parents, Del & Gary Schmidt

**SUNDAY, February 26, First Sunday of Lent**

**8:30am** Phyllis Repole r/o The Repole Family

**10:30am** People of Our Parish

*MONDAY, February 27, Lenten Weekday*

**TUESDAY, February 28, Lenten Weekday**

**7:00pm** Joan Marotta r/o The Rosary Altar Society

Theresa Gavin r/o Children; Donna, Debra, and Gary

*WEDNESDAY, March 1, Lenten Weekday*

*THURSDAY, March 2, Lenten Weekday*

**FRIDAY, March 3, Lenten Weekday**

**7:00pm** Thomas Matias r/o Aunt and Uncle,  
Del & Gary Schmidt

Fernando Tonoletto r/o The Camara Family

John Palys r/o Stan & Marcia Pozarycki

Theresa Gavin r/o Mary Stefaniak

**SATURDAY, March 4, Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent**

**5:00pm** People of Our Parish

**SUNDAY, March 5, Second Sunday of Lent**

**8:30am** The Rosary Altar Society

**10:30am** Jean Abate r/o Joe Abate

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament this week is in honor of Thomas Matias, as lovingly requested by his Aunt and Uncle, Del & Gary Schmidt.



**OUR WEEKLY OFFERING**

February 18/19, 2023: \$2,429.00 (2022: \$2,839.00)

**Thank you for your continued support!**

*Figures do not include Online Giving, which accounts for approximately 1/3 of our collection income.*

**Online Giving:** Holy Trinity offers Online Giving through eCatholic. Visit [holytrinitynj.org/donate](http://holytrinitynj.org/donate) and follow the easy registration instructions.

**2023 Mass Book - OPEN**

**Our Mass Book is now open for the first half of the coming year, from January 1, 2023 until June 30, 2023.**

Tuesday and Friday evening masses are still available.

Requests can be made at the office or calling 908-526-2394

**The Celebration of Baptism**

Congratulations to the parents, godparents, relatives and friends of the recently baptized:

*Nico Francis Ricciardi*

*Lucas Richard Repole*

*Veronica Marie Sklios*



**FROM THE PASTOR**

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

On the First Sunday in Lent, we recall the event that became the pattern and inspiration for this season, the Temptation of Jesus in the desert. This time of testing for Jesus was also a preparation for what was to come. He had just been baptized by John in the Jordan River, and was about to begin his public ministry. This would, of course, culminate in His Paschal Mystery – Passion, death, and Resurrection – which we will observe at the end of Lent. Lent is a time of testing and preparation for us, so what can we learn from Jesus' experience?

St. Matthew tells us that Jesus endured three temptations from the devil, and He overcame each one with a reference to Scripture. First, the devil tempted Jesus to create food in order to satisfy his physical hunger. It's relatively easy for us to indulge our every appetite, whether for food or drink, entertainment, sex, and so on. But it isn't good for us to do that. Our fasting during Lent helps us to remember that it is God on whom we ultimately depend to sustain us. Experiencing physical hunger makes us able to address the deeper hunger of our soul that only God can satisfy.

Next, the devil tempted Jesus to abuse His Father's loving care for Him, by intentionally putting it to the test. We often do this, when we presume God's mercy. Our failure to appreciate the depth and meaning of God's merciful love leads us to take it for granted. We fail to take sin seriously, presuming that He will forgive us. Our prayer and penance in Lent helps us to have a healthy fear of sin and deeper gratitude for God's mercy.

The devil's third and final attack tempted Jesus with power and glory, appealing to His ego. We live in a culture that exalts the ego, that encourages us to make a name for ourselves and worry about our image. But this, too, comes at a steep price. The devil's offer would have required Jesus to worship him. The more we give ourselves over to self-worship, the less we are able to give authentic worship to the Lord. Our self-denial in Lent, especially our almsgiving which puts others first, helps us to learn the humility that tempers our egoism.

In these weeks of Lent, may we pattern our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving after the way of Jesus, who overcame the temptations of the flesh, the ego, and presumption by the power of the Word.

In Christ & St. Philip,  
Fr. Jeff

**The First Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7**

This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

**Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19**

Paul tells the Romans that Adam's disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ's dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.

**Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11**

In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, "Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore."

## WELCOME TO OUR CELEBRATION!

Welcome to our celebration and we invite you to return again. If you are thinking about becoming part of the Catholic family, or receiving Confirmation and Eucharist, and would like to know more about the Catholic faith, please call the Parish Office at 908-526-2394, or reach out to us via email at [office@holytrinitynj.org](mailto:office@holytrinitynj.org)

## Local Weekend Mass Schedule

**Sat:** 4pm: *St. Ann Church, Raritan*  
4pm: *St. Joseph Church, Raritan*  
5pm: *Holy Trinity*

**Sun:** 7:30am: *St. Ann*  
8am: (Spanish) *St. Joseph*  
8:30am: *Holy Trinity*  
10am: *St. Joseph*  
10am: *St. Ann*  
10am: (Latin, EF) *Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, Raritan*  
10:30am: *Holy Trinity*  
12pm: *St. Ann*  
12pm: (Spanish) *St. Joseph*  
5pm: *St. Ann*



See cover page for the local daily Mass schedule.

## Confessions

**Wed:** 11am - 12 noon: *Holy Trinity*  
**Fri:** 11am - 12 noon: *Shrine Chapel*  
**Sat:** After 9:30am Mass: *St. Ann*  
3 - 3:30pm: *St. Joseph*

Confession is possible at other times by appointment by contacting any of the parish/shrine offices.

## Connect with us!



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*The Parish Prayer Chain is a group of parishioners that regularly pray for your needs. Should a need for prayer to arise, please call Mary Raimondo at 908-725-7369 or E-mail: [babysis30@optonline.net](mailto:babysis30@optonline.net).*



## Rosary on Tuesday Mornings:

Come join in a group recitation of the Rosary. All are welcome to take part, each Tuesday morning at 9:30am in the church.

## Rosary Before Evening Mass:

The rosary will be prayed prior to every Tuesday evening mass; around 6:30pm. Please join in praying the rosary for the protection of police officers and the communities they serve.



## Food Pantry

Feeding the Hungry is a Corporal Work of Mercy

The Social Ministry Food Pantry can always use non-perishable canned goods such as tuna, soup, vegetables, fruit, and also crackers, rice, jelly, peanut butter, or supermarket gift cards. Food can be

dropped off at the church exits or rectory patio, and gift cards can also be dropped in the collection basket. We are grateful for your support!



## Pray for the Sick

Bob Borzotta  
Charlotte Flynn  
Marge Garzilla  
Vincent Graziano  
Paul Gsell  
Jack Irely  
Sharon Lawler  
Harry McLellan  
Joan Mohan  
Arthur Piatkowski  
Cindy Pieja  
Jean Radice  
Mary "Sue" Reh  
Arlene Seidel  
Christian Tozzi  
Sally Wojeck

Michael Fialkowski  
Deacon Mike Forrestall  
Karen Gonyon  
Rita Griggs  
Donna Hall  
Nicky LaRocca  
Kathy McGill  
Judy Mead-Morgan  
Sheila Parente  
Marie Piatkowski  
Lisa Pozarycki  
Margaret Regan  
Tom Russell  
Ruth Stives  
Joann Waterfield  
Al Zalewski



To add/remove a name call the Parish Office at 908-526-2394



## Children's Break Spot

The first-grade religious education class has put together a "break spot" in the church basement across from the bathrooms for little ones that get antsy during mass. It includes a shelf of children's books and coloring materials. Please stop down and check it out!



## Confidential Reporting for Ethics Violations

Navex EthicsPoint provides a confidential method for employees, volunteers and parishioners to report suspected financial malfeasance and other violations of ethical conduct in any of the parishes, schools, cemeteries and diocesan institutions in the Diocese of Metuchen. To make a report: <https://diometuchen.ethicspoint.com> or 844-796-1296

## ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The 8:30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month is for the living and deceased members of the Rosary Altar Society. They meet for their monthly meeting after the Mass.

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The 8:30am Mass on the second Sunday of the month is for the living and deceased members of the Holy Name Society. They meet for their monthly meeting after the Mass.



Next game: FRIDAY, March 3, 2023

Doors Open @ 6pm | Games Begin @ 7:30pm

Help with the games or kitchen is always needed and appreciated! Please contact the Office at 908-526-2394

## ANOTHER WAY TO HELP:

Donations of Canned Tuna (in water), Canned Chicken (in water), Sweet Pickle Chips, and Mayo can be left at any church exit in bags marked "For Bingo" Thank you for your Help!



### Caregiving is Pro-Life



"The encyclical Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life... war, poverty, life.... *"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."* Matthew 25:34-36

**How do you feed the hungry?** You shop for your mother and stock her cupboard with nutritious food, take her out to lunch, or cook for her. **You visit** her in the nursing home, sit with her and her friends in the dining room, assisting those who need help by cutting their meat or spoon-feeding the weak. **How do you help the thirsty?** You take your father out for a cup of coffee at his favorite coffee shop or split a beer with him while you watch Sunday football together. You give him ice chips to relieve the awful dryness, and swab his mouth when he cannot swallow. **You welcome a stranger** by visiting with your beloved aunt who has forgotten who she is and who you are, reintroducing yourself every time. **You clothe the naked** when you do your uncle's laundry. **You care for the sick** every time you accompany your mom to visit the doctor, bathe her feverish head, hold her in your arms to comfort her, change her diaper, and in a hundred other gentle ways. **You visit the imprisoned** when he is a shut-in, unable to go where he wants to go. You keep him company and play Rummy or Checkers to pass the long hours. You may not be able to add days to the life of a loved one, but you can add life to their days." (The Healthcare Advocacy and Leadership Organization [halovoice.org](http://halovoice.org))

### 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal

#### *Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist*

The impact and success of the *Catholic Center at Rutgers* is relational outreach to students, a distinct approach for college campus ministry. The staff includes religious from the Sisters of Jesus Our Hope and the Brotherhood of Hope, as well as, the Associate Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Metuchen and several interns. They are out on campus meeting and interacting with students where they live their lives and also reach them using the tools of technology. Thanks to your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the Catholic Center offers a safe haven where students are able to grow in their knowledge and practice of the faith, experience a meaningful sense of service to the community, and come to a deeper understanding of their call to discipleship. Thank you for your support. As of February 17, we have received 45 gifts and pledges totaling \$13,754.50, which is 26.45% of our parish goal of \$52,000.

### Catholic Organizations Providing Aid

Reacting to the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, Pope Francis has asked Catholics to be in solidarity with the region. Please be aware of these two Catholic organizations who have already established online giving portals to assist:

- [Catholic Near East Welfare Association](#) has launched an emergency campaign to shelter survivors and provide bedding, food, medicines, nursing formula, diapers and clothing.
- [Catholic Relief Services](#), the overseas aid agency of the Catholic Church in the United States.

### *The Raritan Oratory School of Evangelization Lenten Reflection Series*

#### **The Art of Beauty**

Join the Raritan Oratorians for their Lenten reflection series, The Art of Beauty. Our guest speakers will offer reflections on how the Arts can manifest the Divine Beauty in our daily human lives. Examining the power of music, literature, and art and architecture to reflect the beauty which is found in the very essence of the true Architect of Creation, we will come to appreciate the importance of the beautiful in the life of the Christian, indeed the life of the world.

The series will be held on four Wednesdays, beginning on March 1, at 7pm in the St. Joseph Auditorium in Raritan:

**March 1** The Beauty of Music: Christa Dalmazio, Director of Music, Holy Innocents, Neptune

**March 8** The Beauty of Art & Architecture: Daniel Ezekiel Balan, Managing Partner & Principal, Balan Architecture & Design, Boonton

**March 15** The Beauty of the Written Word: Aileen S. Coccia, Faculty Member, St. Ann Classical Academy, Raritan

**March 22** Why Beauty Matters: V. Rev. Timothy A. Christy, Rector, St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral, Metuchen

#### **The Annual Easter Basket collection is back!**

We are collecting candy and small toys to fill baskets for the Raritan Food Pantry. You can find baskets with eggs at all church exits. Select an egg, purchase the items indicated, and place donations in the baskets by **Sunday, March 19th**. Gift cards to Walmart, Target and Shoprite are also welcome so we can purchase needed items. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kate Sabella [katesabella@gmail.com](mailto:katesabella@gmail.com).

### **Chastity Project at Our Lady of Fatima Parish One Day - Two Talks \$30**

**Wednesday, March 29, 6- 9pm**

Purified – A Life-Changing Event for Families (ages 13+)

The innocence of the family is under attack like never before. Come and discover how to protect and heal yours. This chastity presentation is for teens, parents, and adults.

Gender & The Theology of Your Body (Ages 13+)

What is the meaning of sex, gender, and the human body? The truth of masculinity and femininity are being questioned like never before. Discover how your body as a man or woman reveals your identity and calling. These talks will be given by world renowned Catholic speaker Jason Evert. They will be given in the parish recreation center (gym/auditorium)

**Tickets:** [www.chastify.com/purified](http://www.chastify.com/purified)

**Info:** [cathculpepper@gmail.com](mailto:cathculpepper@gmail.com) 732-895-2388 or [rochie\\_guanlao@yahoo.com](mailto:rochie_guanlao@yahoo.com) 732-328-0787

### *~ The Faithful Departed ~*

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*Margaret Heiber*



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